REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that there are two distinct inventions, namely Invention I. Claims 1-35 and 43-60 drawn to multiplexing data streams and Invention II, directed

to Claims 36-42 drawn to a method of compensating for drift. Applicants have amended the

claims in Invention II to also be directed to multiplexing data streams and as such, the

Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicants elect Invention I, namely Claims 1-35 and 43-60 to be examined if the

election is necessary.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for

allowance and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The

Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone

conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

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